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QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE HEARING ON THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY
BEFORE THE SENATE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, 1955

1. How was the site selected?
2. Having selected site, what did you do about getting the top-flight organizations on construction?
3. Who participated in the selection of architects?
4. What investigation did you make of the architects of the country before you selected them? How did the firm selected get the job?
5. Name those on selection committee. Why they were selected? Why they were competent to pass on selection of architect firm?
6. Did they look into various firms or did they just take snap judgment on whom to pick?
7. Did you pick anybody else to advise you on what the architect firm was doing? (AF has board of four consultants to advise as plans were submitted and developed).
8. Background of firm of architects selected.
9. If we delayed this construction for five years, would you know how to assemble a better firm or group?
10. Have you the criteria which was given to the firm and consultants as to what was wanted?
11. Did you tell them how much money they had to spend?
12. What is the percentage of fee? (The architects were all present at the hearing. Also the consultants plus President and Executive Secretary, American Institute of Architects. The architects had been eleven months on the project at the time of the hearing.)
13. Studies made included:
 - a. Population and trends regionally in that area;
 - b. Regional transportation trend;
 - c. Regional zoning to try to control what is built around it;
 - d. Climatology studies; (where is sun at given hours?)
 - e. Water problem;
 - f. Power facilities.

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14. What is least sum of money you can do with in 1957? (Architects use 15 per cent contingency figure.)
15. Why is such a huge area needed?
16. Is the contract price for utilities low enough so as not to need to put in your own?
17. Would you have an emergency (utilities) plan in case of emergency?
18. Are you providing stores? Who will operate?
19. Will the stone used tie into surroundings? Is the design in keeping with the atmosphere?
20. Relations of building to building and room to room.
21. Emphasis on natural light vs. controlled lighting.
22. Is the beautifying of the grounds included in estimate?
23. Excessive use of glass.
24. Is it being done as cheaply as possible, taking certain factors into consideration?
25. Have you provided any facility in case of atomic attack?
26. What about fuel supply?
27. The advice you have received has come from experts in their various fields - architects, engineers, etc. Secretary has taken no personal responsibility except to take the decisions on the best possible expert advice?
28. There has been no favoritism shown to any section of the country or to any particular single group of architects or engineers?
29. Will the city build the water pipeline?
30. How much pipeline do you have to build on the property?
31. What would happen during protracted drought?

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